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1. On 12 May 1953, the Neues Deutschland newspaper carried an article entitled "Die Falschheit eines Ministeriums erzieht ihren Minister" which was extremely critical of Wilhelm Feldmann, Minister for Light Industry. The NDP Parteivorstand, which includes Feldmann as a member, attributed special importance to this attack as it went far beyond the usual measure. Although informed quarters believed that the article possibly represented an attempt to find a scapegoat for the failure of the light industry, the NDP Hauptvorstand felt that the attack was primarily directed against Feldmann, who was blamed for his bourgeois ideology. SED groups allegedly have long made efforts to remove him from the government.
2. Rudi Lorth, another member of the NDP Parteivorstand, stated that the NDP would probably dissociate from Feldmann as he was unable to make himself agreeable to the close group of government members. He said that this would be more appropriate than another Henning case for the party. He added that this step would of course be taken only if there were no other possibility left.

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